

**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR meeting of
Wednesday, March 23, 2022
Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly Chambers**

CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; ROLL CALL

The Ketchikan Gateway Borough Board of Education met in regular session on the 23rd day of March, 2022, in the Ketchikan Gateway Borough Assembly Chambers. Board President Stephen Bradford called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present to establish a quorum and due notice had been published: Board President Stephen Bradford; Board Vice President Keenan Sanderson; Board Clerk-Treasurer Bridget Mattson; and Board Members Diane Gubatayao; Paul Robbins Jr.; Nicole Anderson; and Keenan Sanderson. Board Member Jordan Tabb was absent and excused. Student Board Member Braxton Zink was also present.

Administrative staff present included Business Manager Katie Parrott; Technology Coordinator Bill Whicker; Maintenance Director Al Jacobson; and Board Clerk Kerry Watson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

School Board Member Diane Gubatayao spoke about the Alaska School Activities Association's Gold Lifetime passes, which are issued in recognition of significant contribution to student activities. She said she would like to nominate John Brown of Ketchikan. Board member Paul Robbins Jr., asked for more information on the program and Mr. Brown.

Board President Stephen Bradford noted that there were three Ketchikan High School teams represented at the state basketball tournament in Anchorage which was occurring – the Lady Kings basketball team; the cheer team and the dance team.

CITIZEN REMARKS

There were none.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Committee reports: Ms. Gubatayao reported on her recent legislative trip conducted through the Association of Alaska School Boards. She was able to testify at the House Education Committee meeting. Ms. Gubatayao detailed various education-related bills which had been introduced. She said the Assembly/School Board joint resolution regarding funding had an impact with the legislative offices she visited. She also stated that there is a feeling that this is the year for raising of the base student allocation (BSA).

Board Member Robbins Jr. reported that he had spoken with KRBD staff about School Board reports, and will follow up again in June.

CLAIMS FOR INFORMATION - For Information - Claims of March 18, 2022

Business Manager Katie Parrott and Bill Whicker responded to several questions regarding claims. Technology Coordinator Bill Whicker said that the Trebron Security payments were for the district-wide subscription for virus protection for every district-owned computer. In response to a question about a purchase of several gaming monitors, Ms. Parrott explained the processors in those units are faster than some others, and have been purchased for individuals for which the speed is particularly needed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report/Business Manager's Report: Ms. Parrott provided a brief Superintendent's report on behalf of Interim Superintendent Melissa Johnson who was out of town. Ms. Parrott reported that both she and Ms. Johnson will be participating in a legislative fly-in in Juneau the following week. They have met with Representative Ortiz regarding what is occurring in the Legislature. Ms. Parrott said she is more optimistic than she was a month ago regarding education legislation.

Reporting as the Business Manager, she said she had presented to the Borough Assembly regarding the district's budget projections and its potential impact on local funding; and answered questions from the Assembly. The draft budget will be presented to the Board in its first hearing on April 13.

Student Member's Report: Student Member Braxton Zink highlighted current and upcoming activities, including that the Lady Kings basketball, dance and cheer teams were now at the state tournament. The spring activities he noted included: baseball, softball, track, and soccer. Also, music students are preparing for the upcoming Southeast Music Festival. Braxton also noted that a wearable arts show specifically for students was occurring that weekend, and he and fellow student Lauren Olson would be the "MCs." Lastly, Braxton said that eighth-graders are currently touring Kayhi and registering for their freshman classes. This is the first time since pre-COVID that these students have had a chance to actually visit Kayhi in person, he noted.

At the conclusion of the student member's report, Board President Bradford announced that the Lady Kings had just defeated the Colony basketball team at the state tournament. The team will next play the Anchorage Christian team.

****PUBLIC HEARING - POLICY** - Procedure (1) Citizens may give public comment regarding the subject of the hearing; (2) the public hearing is closed; (3) opportunity for Board discussion and decision.

Motion to approve revisions to Board Bylaw 9320 - Meetings in second reading

Moved by: GUBATAYAO; Second by: ROBBINS JR.

Public Hearing/Board discussion

No public commented, nor was there Board discussion.

ROLL CALL

Student Member Braxton Zink (preferential vote) – AYE

ROBBINS JR., SANDERSON, GUBATAYAO, ANDERSON, MATTSON, BRADFORD – ALL AYES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to approve revisions to Board Bylaw 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies in second reading

Moved by: ROBBINS JR.; Second by: GUBATAYAO

Public Hearing/Board discussion

There were no public comments nor comments from Board members.

ROLL CALL

Student Member Braxton Zink (preferential vote) – AYE

GUBATAYAO, ROBBINS JR., SANDERSON, ANDERSON, MATTSON, BRADFORD – ALL AYES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

CONSENT CALENDAR of March 23, 2022

a. Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 9, 2022.

~~b. Motion to approve the offering of administrative contracts for the 2022-2023 school year. (pulled)~~

Ms. Gubatayao asked that Item 9 B be removed from the Consent in order to have discussion.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar, consisting of Item 9 a. (minutes of March 9, 2022).

Moved by: MATTSON; Second by: ANDERSON

ROLL CALL

Student Member Braxton Zink (preferential vote) – AYE

GUBATAYAO, ROBBINS JR., SANDERSON, ANDERSON, MATTSON, BRADFORD - ALL AYES

MOTION PASSED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to approve the offering of administrative contracts for the 2022-2023 school year.

Moved by: MATTSON; Second by: GUBATAYAO

Discussion

Ms. Gubatayao asked if the Board could be provided with the individual salary for each administrative position, noting that the total expense of all the administrative positions was listed in the background materials.

ROLL CALL

Student Member Braxton Zink (preferential vote) – AYE

SANDERSON, GUBATAYAO, ROBBINS JR., ANDERSON, MATTSON, BRADFORD - ALL AYES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve the security camera purchase and related installation hardware in the amount of \$103,698.87

Moved by: GUBATAYAO; Second by: ANDERSON

Discussion

In answer to Board questions, Business Manager Parrott said the security camera project was approved as part of the Borough's Capital Improvement Projects program. Some of the equipment is proprietary, so essentially can only be purchased from one vendor; and in this case the district already contracts with Siemens, she added.

Al Jacobson, director of maintenance, provided some further information. All district facilities environmental controls are through Siemens, with the district receiving a 60% discount for components with the company which will extend to this contract.

ROLL CALL

Student Member Braxton Zink (preferential vote) -

ROBBINS JR., SANDERSON, GUBATAYAO, MATTSON, ANDERSON, BRADFORD – ALL AYES

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Potential Conflict of Interest disclosures

Before the next action item, President Bradford stated he was passing the gavel to Vice President Keenan Sanderson due to his potential conflict of interest. Mr. Bradford said his wife had signed the Ketchikan Public Utilities' proposal for the internet services in her role as a director with KPU. (This contract was the next item on the agenda.)

Mr. Sanderson, now presiding over the meeting, said that Board Member Nicole Anderson had also stated she might have a potential conflict of interest. He asked Ms. Anderson whether she or her family would benefit financially from the pending contract with KPU. Ms. Anderson said that her husband works for KPU telephone division, but the contract in question would not affect the family financially.

Mr. Sanderson ruled that Board Member Anderson could participate in the discussion, unless there was objection from the Board. No objection was expressed.

Motion to award Ketchikan Public Utilities a five-year internet services contract at the cost of \$14,803.25/month

Moved by: ROBBINS JR.; Second by: GUBATAYAO

Discussion

Mr. Robbins asked for an explanation as to why there was only one response to the invitation for bids for this project.

Business Manager Parrott responded that why other companies hadn't bid would be tough to determine. She commented on the strict federal procurement and bidding process that was followed, and which allows the district to obtain an e-rate discount.

Ms. Gubatayao said she was thankful to KPU for its services which allowed for the district to provide distance learning. She stated that this was a good proposal for the district's internet needs at a reasonable cost.

Ms. Mattson asked about the dollar difference per month in this proposal from the district's current contract. Ms. Parrott stated that the district will receive a 60% reimbursement from the expenditure noted, through its e-rate discount. Technology Coordinator Bill Whicker was asked to provide more details. He pointed out that the contract covers not only internet connection for the district, but also provides for the "lit" fiber which is leased for all the district's internet sites. The monthly charge for these endpoints is actually costlier than the internet connection charges, he noted. Mr. Whicker explained that there are 11 endpoints throughout the district for the lit fiber, each with a monthly charge. These endpoints will cost a couple hundred dollars more per month in the new contract than previously; however, the speed will be 10 times more, he said. Increasing the bandwidth is necessary, so the high definition cameras and video being run over the network don't bog down the regular network uses. The bandwidth will increase over the life of the contract to 10 gigabytes, said Mr. Whicker.

Ms. Parrott stated it had been part of the district's long-term plan for technology to bump up the capacity.

ROLL CALL

Student Member Braxton Zink (preferential vote) - AYE

MATTSON, ANDERSON, GUBATAYAO, SANDERSON, ROBBINS JR – AYES

BRADFORD - ABSTAIN

MOTION PASSED

Mr. Sanderson turned the meeting back over to President Bradford.

DISCUSSION

Drug abuse/overdose issues

Ms. Gubatayao noted a parental education event occurring on April 2.

BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Mattson thanked the staff who were involved in putting on Regions in Ketchikan. She also said she is excited for spring sports and activities.

Mr. Sanderson was able to see the Kayhi cheer team perform in Anchorage and complimented their job. He thanked Ms. Gubatayao for advocating on behalf of the district.

Student Member Zink reflected that this is his favorite time of year. The debate competitions are done and he will be able to relax and watch some of the spring sports. He stated his congratulations to the girls' basketball team for their performance at state, as well as to the dance and cheer teams.

Ms. Anderson echoed her congratulations to those teams as well, and stated appreciation for those who put on the Regions. She also stated her excitement for spring activities, including the middle school survival trips. She commented on school resuming after Spring Break, unlike the scenario caused by the pandemic.

Ms. Gubatayao stated that she is proud of the district's students for their accomplishments. She said she is looking forward to refereeing high school soccer. She thanked the board for supporting her legislative advocacy trip to Juneau.

Mr. Robbins said he also was excited that students were able to come back to school this year after Spring Break. He said parents have shared with him that their kids are excited to be attending school and with no masks required. He said he appreciates the Board's support of this step, adding it helps with students' mental health.

Board President Bradford encouraged potential employers and employees to attend an upcoming job fair at Kayhi. He stated he would be gone for the next Board meeting as he will be out of town.

ADVANCE PLANNING

There was some discussion regarding the upcoming government to government consultation, and a tentative training for the Board and administration with First Alaskans.

ADJOURNMENT

With no objection to a motion to adjourn, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Minutes approved as distributed at the April 13, 2022 regular meeting of the Board of Education.

BOARD PRESIDENT
Stephen Bradford